# WILKINSON SWORD COMPETITION RULES

1 The gala will be held under Swim England Regulations and Technical Rules.

2 Any club that is affiliated to NASA shall be entitled to enter **one** team in the ‘Wilkinson Sword’ Gala.

3 Each team may swim one swimmer per event or, in the case of relays, one team per event.

4 Each Team Manager shall submit their team list to the recorders before the start of the Gala.

5 Swimmers must be registered members of the club for which they swim.

6 The Wilkinson Sword programme will consist of the following age groups:

* 9 years
* 10 years
* 11 years

7 All swimmers must be at least **8 years old** **on the day of the gala**.

8 All ages are taken as ‘**Age on 31st December in the year of competition**’.

9 All age groups will swim 50 metres Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly.

10 Swimmers in the 11 year age group may swim **two** individual events.

All other swimmers may swim in **three** individual events with a maximum of **two** in their

own age group and the third event being in a higher age group.

Relays are 4 x 25m Freestyle, and 4 x 25m Medley for each age group.

11 Gala points shall be awarded according to the number of teams competing i.e. if eight teams are competing then 1st place gets 8 points, 2nd place gets 7 points, and so on.   
If seven or fewer teams compete, then 1st place is awarded points to match the number of teams competing, 2nd place get one point less and so on.   
Equal places are awarded the same number of points, with the next placed team getting two points less than the equal teams.

12 The ‘Wilkinson Sword Trophy’ will be presented to the winning team, and the ‘Runners-up Trophy’ will be presented to the runners-up at the end of the Gala.

13 Trophy winners from the previous year will be responsible for ensuring that the trophies are engraved and available for presentation.

14 The NASA executive shall determine any matter arising for which these rules do not provide.

15 Each club will be asked to provide 2 judge level 1 officials and 1 judge level 2 official, in addition to any officials who have been asked to be referee, starter or chief timekeeper.

16 Each club will be asked to provide one volunteer to assist with the running of the gala.